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PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL (H.R. 1229) TO AMEND THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF LANDS ACT TO FACILITATE THE SAFE AND TIMELY PRODUCTION OF AMERICAN ENERGY RESOURCES FROM THE GULF OF MEXICO, AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL (H.R. 1230) TO REQUIRE THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR TO CONDUCT CERTAIN OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS LEASE SALES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

May 4, 2011.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

MR. BISHOP (UT), from the Committee on Rules, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res.__]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution____, by a record vote of 9 to 3, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF THE RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 1229, the Putting the Gulf of Mexico Back to Work Act, under a structured rule. The resolution provides for one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The resolution provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The resolution provides that the bill as amended shall be considered as read. The resolution waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The resolution makes in order only those amendments to H.R. 1229 printed in Part A of this report. The resolution provides that each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in this report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments printed in Part A of this report are waived. The resolution provides one motion to recommit the bill with or without instructions.

The resolution further provides for consideration of H.R. 1230, the Restarting American Offshore Leasing Now Act, under a structured rule. The resolution provides

one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the bill and provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The resolution waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The resolution makes in order only those amendments to H.R. 1230 printed in Part B of this report. The resolution provides that each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in this report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments printed in Part B of this report are waived. The resolution provides one motion to recommit the bill with or without instructions.

Finally, the resolution directs the Clerk to, in the engrossment of H.R. 1229, add the text of H.R. 1230, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of H.R. 1229. The resolution also directs the Clerk to make conforming modifications in the engrossment.

EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

The waiver of all points of order against consideration of H.R. 1229 includes a waiver of Section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act, which prohibits the consideration of legislation that exceeds a committee's allocation of new entitlement authority. This budgetary violation will be cured when, pursuant to the resolution, H.R. 1230 is added as new matter at the end of H.R. 1229. In accordance to clause 10(b) of Rule XXI, the provisions of H.R. 1230 will offset the breach in allocation of entitlement authority for a total net reduction in direct spending of $34 million over the 2011-2021 period. The waiver of all points of order against consideration of H.R. 1229 also includes a waiver of Section 303(a) of the Congressional Budget Act, which prohibits the consideration of legislation, as reported, providing new budget authority, change in revenues, change in the public debt, new entitlement authority, or new credit authority for a fiscal year until the budget resolution for that year has been agreed to. The waiver of all points of order against consideration of H.R. 1229 also includes a waiver of clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII, which requires the inclusion of general performance goals and objectives in a committee report.

Although the rule waives all points of order against provisions in the H.R. 1229, as amended, the Committee is not aware of any points of order against its provisions. The waiver is prophylactic in nature.

Although the rule waives all points of order against consideration of H.R. 1230, the Committee is not aware of any points of order against consideration of the bill. The waiver of all points of order against consideration of H.R. 1230 is prophylactic in nature.

Although the rule waives all points of order against provisions in the H.R. 1230, the Committee is not aware of any points of order against its provisions. The waiver is prophylactic in nature.

Although the rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in Part A and Part B of this report, the Committee is not aware of any points of order against such amendments. The waivers are prophylactic in nature.

COMMITTEE VOTES

The results of each record vote on an amendment or motion to report, together with the names of those voting for and against, are printed below:

Rules Committee Record Vote No. 88

Motion by Mr. McGovern to amend the rule to add a new section at the end of rule to provide for the immediate consideration, upon the adoption of the rule, of amendment #1, offered by Reps. McGovern (MA), Blumenauer (OR) and Welch (VT) as a standalone bill under an open rule. Defeated: 3–9

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Mr. Sessions.....	Nay	Mr. McGovern.....	Yea
Ms. Foxx.....	Nay	Mr. Hastings of Florida.....	Yea
Mr. Bishop of Utah.....	Nay	Mr. Polis.....	Yea
Mr. Woodall.....	Nay		
Mr. Nugent.....	Nay		
Mr. Scott of South Carolina...	Nay		
Mr. Webster.....	Nay		
Mr. Reed.....	Nay		
Mr. Dreier, Chairman.....	Nay		

Rules Committee Record Vote No. 89

Motion by Mr. McGovern to amend the rule to H.R. 1230 to make in order and provide the appropriate waivers for amendment #10, offered by Rep. Markey (MA), which would require that companies bidding on new leases pursuant to H.R. 1230 first renegotiate any royalty-free leases they own. This amendment would raise more than $2 billion over 10 years. Defeated: 3–9

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Mr. Sessions.....	Nay	Mr. McGovern.....	Yea
Ms. Foxx.....	Nay	Mr. Hastings of Florida.....	Yea
Mr. Bishop of Utah.....	Nay	Mr. Polis.....	Yea
Mr. Woodall.....	Nay		
Mr. Nugent.....	Nay		
Mr. Scott of South Carolina...	Nay		
Mr. Webster.....	Nay		
Mr. Reed.....	Nay		
Mr. Dreier, Chairman.....	Nay		

Rules Committee Record Vote No. 90

Motion by Mr. Polis to amend the rule to report an open rule for consideration of H.R. 1229 and H.R.1230. Defeated: 3–9

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Mr. Sessions.....	Nay	Mr. McGovern.....	Yea
Ms Foxx.....	Nay	Mr. Hastings of Florida.....	Yea
Mr. Bishop of Utah.....	Nay	Mr. Polis.....	Yea
Mr. Woodall.....	Nay		
Mr. Nugent.....	Nay		
Mr. Scott of South Carolina...	Nay		
Mr. Webster.....	Nay		
Mr. Reed.....	Nay		
Mr. Dreier, Chairman.....	Nay		

Rules Committee Record Vote No. 91

Motion by Mr. Sessions to report one rule for the consideration of both H.R. 1229 and H.R. 1230, each under a structured process. Adopted: 9-3

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Mr. Sessions.....	Yea	Mr. McGovern.....	Nay
Ms. Foxx.....	Yea	Mr. Hastings of Florida.....	Nay
Mr. Bishop of Utah.....	Yea	Mr. Polis.....	Nay
Mr. Woodall.....	Yea		
Mr. Nugent.....	Yea		
Mr. Scott of South Carolina...	Yea		
Mr. Webster.....	Yea		
Mr. Reed.....	Yea		
Mr. Dreier, Chairman.....	Yea		

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS PRINTED IN PART A

1. Polis (CO): Would require safety review of permits to take into consideration all applicable safety, environmental and fisheries laws. (10 minutes)
2. Garamendi (CA): Would implement the Commission's recommendation by requiring that in reviewing a drilling permit, the Secretary consult with an independent drilling safety organization not affiliated with the oil industry trade association. (10 minutes)
3. Markey (MA): Would implement basic offshore drilling safety reforms recommended by the independent BP spill commission. The Commission found that the root causes of the BP spill were "systematic" and could have been prevented. The Markey amendment would set specific new minimum standards for blow-out preventers, cementing and well design. (10 minutes)
4. Hanabusa (HI): Would state that the Secretary shall not issue an offshore drilling permit without certifying that the applicant has calculated a worst-case discharge scenario for the proposed drilling operations; and has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Secretary that the applicant possesses the capability and technology to respond immediately and effectively to such worst-case discharge scenario. (10 minutes)
5. Jackson Lee (TX): Would ensure a reasonable period for review of applications and eliminate the language that could result in the automatic approval of applications. (10 minutes)
6. Holt (NJ): Would strike a provision in the underlying bill that would "deem" drilling permits approved after 60 days even if the necessary safety and environmental reviews have not be completed. Would leave in place a timeline for approving drilling permits, but prevents permits from being "deemed" approved before the safety review has been completed. (10 minutes)
7. Polis (CO): Would lift timeline requirements if the agency lacks an adequate budget or lacks staff expertise to properly review permits. (10 minutes)
8. Hastings, Alcee (FL): Would require a detailed description of the extent to which and by when any oil found on the leased property will decrease the price of crude oil and at the pump for hardworking Americans. (10 minutes)
9. Deutch (FL): Would strike section 202 of H.R. 1229, so that states outside of the 5th Circuit can have their courts hear civil actions relating to energy projects in the Gulf of Mexico. (10 minutes)
10. Polis (CO): Would amend bill to emphasize quality of court decisions instead of speed of court decisions. (10 minutes)
11. Hastings, Alcee (FL): Would strike Section 207, the limitation on attorneys' fees. (10 minutes)

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS PRINTED IN PART B

1. Holt (NJ): Would remove provisions in the bill that would "deem" the safety and environmental review done in 2007, prior to the BP spill, sufficient for new offshore oil and gas leasing. The amendment would allow lease sales to go forward, but require new environmental and safety reviews, following the BP spill. (10 minutes)
2. Connolly (VA), Moran (VA), Sarbanes (MD): Would ensure that Lease Sale 220 does not interfere with Naval or other DOD operations. (10 minutes)

PART A—TEXT OF AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER

1. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE POLIS OF COLORADO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1229, AS ORDERED REPORTED

OFFERED BY MR. POLIS OF COLORADO

Page 4, strike "and" after the semicolon at line 4, strike the period at line 6 and insert "; and", and after line 6 insert the following new subparagraph:

1 "(C) all requirements of all applicable stat-
2 utes and regulations, including the National
3 Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Endan-
4 gered Species Act of 1973, the Marine Mammal
5 Protection Act of 1972, and any law protecting
6 fishing and recreation jobs.

2. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GARAMENDI OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1229, AS ORDERED REPORTED

OFFERED BY MR. GARAMENDI OF CALIFORNIA

Page 4, after line 6, insert the following (and redesignate accordingly):

"(3) CONSULTATION WITH INDEPENDENT SAFETY ORGANIZATION.—In making any determination under paragraph (2), the Secretary shall consult with one or more independent safety organizations that are not affiliated with the American Petroleum Institute.

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3. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MARKEY OF MASSACHUSETTS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1229, AS ORDERED REPORTED

OFFERED BY MR. MARKEY OF MASSACHUSETTS

Page 4, after line 6, insert the following (and redesignate accordingly):

"(3) OTHER SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS.—The regulations required under paragraph (1) shall ensure that the proposed drilling operations meet requirements for—

"(A) third-party certification of safety systems related to well control, such as blowout preventers;

"(B) performance of blowout preventers, including quantitative risk assessment standards, subsea testing, and secondary activation methods;

"(C) independent third-party certification of well casing and cementing programs and procedures;

"(D) mandatory safety and environmental management systems by operators on the outer Continental Shelf;

1 "(E) procedures and technologies to be
2 used during drilling operations to minimize the
3 risk of ignition and explosion of hydrocarbons;
4 and
5 "(F) ensuring compliance with other appli-
6 cable environmental and natural resource con-
7 servation laws, including the response plan re-
8 quirements of section 311(j) of the Federal
9 Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.
10 1321(j)).
11 "(4) REGULATORY STANDARDS FOR BLOWOUT
12 PREVENTERS, WELL DESIGN, AND CEMENTING.—
13 "(A) IN GENERAL.—In promulgating regu-
14 lations under this subsection related to blowout
15 preventers, well design, and cementing, the Sec-
16 retary shall ensure that such regulations in-
17 clude the minimum standards included in sub-
18 paragraphs (B), (C), and (D), unless, after no-
19 tice and an opportunity for public comment, the
20 Secretary determines that a standard required
21 under this subsection would be less effective in
22 ensuring safe operations than an available alter-
23 native technology or practice. Such regulations
24 shall require independent third-party certifi-
25 cation, pursuant to subparagraph (E), of blow-

1 out preventers, well design, and cementing pro-
2 grams and procedures prior to the commence-
3 ment of drilling operations. Such regulations
4 shall also require recertification by an inde-
5 pendent third-party certifier, pursuant to sub-
6 paragraph (E), of a blowout preventer upon any
7 material modification to the blowout preventer
8 or well design and of a well design upon any
9 material modification to the well design.

10 "(B) BLOWOUT PREVENTERS.—Subject to
11 subparagraph (A), regulations issued under this
12 subsection for blowout preventers shall include
13 at a minimum the following requirements:

14 "(i) Two sets of blind shear rams ap-
15 propriately spaced to prevent blowout pre-
16 venter failure if a drill pipe joint or drill
17 tool is across one set of blind shear rams
18 during a situation that threatens loss of
19 well control.

20 "(ii) Redundant emergency backup
21 control systems capable of activating the
22 relevant components of a blowout pre-
23 venter, including when the communications
24 link or other critical links between the

1 drilling rig and the blowout preventer are
2 destroyed or inoperable.
3 "(iii) Regular testing of the emer-
4 gency backup control systems, including
5 testing during deployment of the blowout
6 preventer.
7 "(iv) As appropriate, remotely oper-
8 ated vehicle intervention capabilities for
9 secondary control of all subsea blowout
10 preventer functions, including adequate hy-
11 draulic capacity to activate blind shear
12 rams, casing shear rams, and other critical
13 blowout preventer components.
14 "(v) Technologies to prevent a blow-
15 out preventer failure if the drill pipe is
16 moved out of position due to a situation
17 that poses a threat of loss of well control.
18 "(C) WELL DESIGN.—Subject to subpara-
19 graph (A), regulations issued under this sub-
20 section for well design standards shall include
21 at a minimum the following requirements:
22 "(i) In connection with the installa-
23 tion of the final casing string, the installa-
24 tion of at least two independent, tested me-
25 chanical barriers, in addition to a cement

1 barrier, across each flow path between hy-
2 drocarbon bearing formations and the
3 blowout preventer.
4 "(ii) That wells shall be designed so
5 that a failure of one barrier does not sig-
6 nificantly increase the likelihood of another
7 barrier's failure.
8 "(iii) That the casing design is appro-
9 priate for the purpose for which it is in-
10 tended under reasonably expected wellbore
11 conditions.
12 "(iv) The installation and verification
13 with a pressure test of a lockdown device
14 at the time the casing is installed in the
15 wellhead.
16 "(D) CEMENTING.—Subject to subpara-
17 graph (A), regulations issued under this sub-
18 section for cementing standards shall include at
19 a minimum the following requirements:
20 "(i) Adequate centralization of the
21 casing to ensure proper distribution of ce-
22 ment.
23 "(ii) A full circulation of drilling
24 fluids prior to cementing.

1 "(iii) The use of an adequate volume
2 of cement to prevent any unintended flow
3 of hydrocarbons between any hydrocarbon-
4 bearing formation zone and the wellhead.
5 "(iv) Cement bond logs for all cement-
6 ing jobs intended to provide a barrier to
7 hydrocarbon flow.
8 "(v) Cement bond logs or such other
9 integrity tests as the Secretary may pre-
10 scribe for cement jobs other than those
11 identified in clause (iv).
12 "(E) INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY CER-
13 TIFICATION.—The Secretary shall issue regula-
14 tions that establish appropriate standards for
15 the approval of independent third-party cer-
16 tifiers capable of exercising certification func-
17 tions for blowout preventers, well design, and
18 cementing. For any certification required for
19 regulations related to blowout preventers, well
20 design, or cementing, the operator shall use a
21 qualified independent third-party certifier cho-
22 sen by the Secretary. The costs of any certifi-
23 cation shall be borne by the operator. The regu-
24 lations issued under this subparagraph shall re-
25 quire the following:

1 "(i) Prior to the commencement of
2 drilling through a blowout preventer at any
3 covered well, the operator shall obtain a
4 written and signed certification from an
5 independent third party approved and as-
6 signed by the appropriate Federal official
7 pursuant to paragraph (3) that the third
8 party—
9 "(I) conducted or oversaw a de-
10 tailed physical inspection, design re-
11 view, system integration test, and
12 function and pressure testing of the
13 blowout preventer; and
14 "(II) in the third-party certifier's
15 best professional judgment, deter-
16 mined that—
17 "(aa) the blowout preventer
18 is designed for the specific drill-
19 ing conditions, equipment, and
20 location where it will be installed
21 and for the specific well design;
22 "(bb) the blowout preventer
23 and all of its components and
24 control systems will operate effec-

1 tively and as designed when in-
2 stalled;
3 "(cc) each blind shear ram
4 or casing shear ram will function
5 effectively under likely emergency
6 scenarios and is capable of shear-
7 ing the drill pipe or casing, as
8 applicable, that will be used when
9 installed;
10 "(dd) emergency control sys-
11 tems will function under the con-
12 ditions in which they will be in-
13 stalled; and
14 "(ee) the blowout preventer
15 has not been compromised or
16 damaged from any previous serv-
17 ice.
18 "(ii) Not less than once every 180
19 days after commencement of drilling
20 through a blowout preventer at any cov-
21 ered well, or upon implementation of any
22 material modification to the blowout pre-
23 venter or well design at such a well, the
24 operator shall obtain a written and signed
25 recertification from an independent third

1 party approved and assigned by the appro-
2 priate Federal official pursuant to para-
3 graph (3) that the requirements in sub-
4 clause (II) of clause (i) continue to be met
5 with the systems as deployed. Such recer-
6 tification determinations shall consider the
7 results of tests required by the appropriate
8 Federal official, including testing of the
9 emergency control systems of a blowout
10 preventer.
11 "(iii) Certifications under clause (i),
12 recertifications under clause (i), and re-
13 sults of and data from all tests conducted
14 pursuant to this paragraph shall be
15 promptly submitted to the appropriate
16 Federal official and made publicly avail-
17 able.
18 "(5) RULEMAKING DOCKETS.—
19 "(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than
20 the date of proposal of any regulation under
21 this subsection, the Secretary shall establish a
22 publicly available rulemaking docket for such
23 regulation.
24 "(B) DOCUMENTS TO BE INCLUDED.—The
25 Secretary shall include in the docket—

1 "(i) all written comments and docu-
2 mentary information on the proposed rule
3 received from any person in the comment
4 period for the rulemaking, promptly upon
5 receipt by the Secretary;
6 "(ii) the transcript of each public
7 hearing, if any, on the proposed rule,
8 promptly upon receipt from the person who
9 transcribed such hearing; and
10 "(iii) all documents that become avail-
11 able after the proposed rule is published
12 and that the Secretary determines are of
13 central relevance to the rulemaking, by as
14 soon as possible after their availability.
15 "(C) PROPOSED AND DRAFT FINAL RULE
16 AND ASSOCIATED MATERIAL.—The Secretary
17 shall include in the docket—
18 "(i) each draft proposed rule sub-
19 mitted by the Secretary to the Office of
20 Management and Budget for any inter-
21 agency review process prior to proposal of
22 such rule, all documents accompanying
23 such draft, all written comments thereon
24 by other agencies, and all written re-
25 sponses to such written comments by the

1 Secretary, by no later than the date of pro-
2 posal of the rule; and
3 "(ii) each draft final rule submitted
4 by the Secretary for such review process
5 before issuance of the final rule, all such
6 written comments thereon, all documents
7 accompanying such draft, and all written
8 responses thereto, by no later than the
9 date of issuance of the final rule.

4. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE HANABUSA OF HAWAII OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1229, AS ORDERED REPORTED

OFFERED BY MS. HANABUSA OF HAWAII

Page 4, after line 6, insert the following (and redesignate the succeeding paragraph accordingly):

"(3) WORST-CASE DISCHARGE SCENARIO CERTIFICATION.—The Secretary shall not issue a permit under paragraph (1) without certifying that the applicant—

"(A) has calculated a worst-case discharge scenario for the proposed drilling operations; and

"(B) has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Secretary that the applicant possesses the capability and technology to respond immediately and effectively to such worst-case discharge scenario.

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5. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON LEE OF TEXAS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1229, AS ORDERED REPORTED

OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON LEE OF TEXAS

Page 4, line 9, strike "30" and insert "60".

Page 4, line 12, strike "15" and insert "30".

Page 5, strike lines 5 through 9 and insert closing quotation marks and a following period.

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6. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE HOLT OF NEW JERSEY OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1229, AS ORDERED REPORTED

OFFERED BY MR. HOLT OF NEW JERSEY

Page 5, strike lines 5 through 9 and insert closing quotation marks and a following period.

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7. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE POLIS OF COLORADO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1229, AS ORDERED REPORTED

OFFERED BY MR. POLIS OF COLORADO

Page 5, strike the closing quotation marks and second period at line 9, and after line 9 insert the following new subparagraph:

1 "(D) This paragraph shall not apply before
2 the date the Secretary publishes a determina-
3 tion that the agency or bureau of the Depart-
4 ment of the Interior that administers this sec-
5 tion has been given adequate staff and budget
6 resources to properly review and process every
7 application for a permit under this subsection
8 in order to ensure that no application is proc-
9 essed without thorough review.".

8. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE HASTINGS OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1229, AS ORDERED REPORTED

OFFERED BY MR. HASTINGS OF FLORIDA

Page 5, line 9, before the closing quotation marks insert the following:

"(4) ESTIMATIONS REQUIRED IN PERMIT APPLICATIONS.—The Secretary shall require that each application for a permit to drill a well include detailed estimations of—

"(A) the amount of oil and gas that is expected—

"(i) to be found in the area where the well is drilled, in the case of an exploration well; or

"(ii) to be produced by the well, in the case of a production well; and

"(B) the amount by which crude oil prices and consumer prices would be reduced as a result of oil and gas found or produced by the well, and by when the reductions would occur.

9. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE DEUTCH OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1229, AS ORDERED REPORTED

OFFERED BY MR. DEUTCH OF FLORIDA

Page 9, beginning at line 1, strike section 202 (and redesignate the succeeding sections accordingly).

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10. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE POLIS OF COLORADO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1229, AS ORDERED REPORTED

OFFERED BY MR. POLIS OF COLORADO

Page 9, line 11, strike "**EXPEDITION**" and insert "**QUALITY ABOVE SPEED**".

Page 9, line 14, strike "expeditiously" and insert "justly".

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11. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE HASTINGS OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1229, AS ORDERED REPORTED

OFFERED BY MR. HASTINGS OF FLORIDA

Page 10, beginning at line 3, strike section 207.

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PART B—TEXT OF AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER

1. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE HOLT OF NEW JERSEY OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

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OFFERED BY MR. HOLT OF NEW JERSEY

Page 3, beginning at line 6, amend sections 2 and 3 to read as follows:

SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT TO CONDUCT PROPOSED OIL AND GAS LEASE SALE 216 IN THE CENTRAL GULF OF MEXICO.

The Secretary of the Interior shall conduct offshore oil and gas lease sale 216 under section 8 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (33 U.S.C. 1337) as soon as practicable after compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

SEC. 3. REQUIREMENT TO CONDUCT PROPOSED OIL AND GAS LEASE SALE 218 IN THE WESTERN GULF OF MEXICO.

The Secretary of the Interior shall conduct offshore oil and gas lease sale 218 under section 8 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (33 U.S.C. 1337) as soon as practicable after compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

Page 5, beginning at line 1, amend section 5 to read as follows:

1 **SEC. 5. REQUIREMENT TO CONDUCT PROPOSED OIL AND**
2 **GAS LEASE SALE 222 IN THE CENTRAL GULF**
3 **OF MEXICO.**

4 The Secretary of the Interior shall conduct offshore
5 oil and gas lease sale 222 under section 8 of the Outer
6 Continental Shelf Lands Act (33 U.S.C. 1337) as soon
7 as practicable after compliance with the National Environ-
8 mental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

Page 5, beginning at line 15, strike section 6.

2. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CONNOLLY OF VIRGINIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1230, AS ORDERED REPORTED

OFFERED BY MR. CONNOLLY OF VIRGINIA

Page 4, beginning at line 19, strike "if the President, through the Secretary of Defense, determines that drilling activity on that tract would create an unreasonable conflict" and insert "until the President, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, certifies that drilling activity on that tract would not create a conflict".

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H. RES. _

[Report No. 112——]

Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1229) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to facilitate the safe and timely production of American energy resources from the Gulf of Mexico, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1230) to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain offshore oil and gas lease sales, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 4, 2011

Mr. BISHOP of Utah, from the Committee on Rules, reported the following resolution; which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

RESOLUTION

Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1229) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to facilitate the safe and timely production of American energy resources from the Gulf of Mexico, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1230) to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain offshore oil and gas lease sales, and for other purposes.

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1229) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to facilitate the safe and timely production of American energy resources from the Gulf of Mexico. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. After general debate the bill

shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The amendment recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the five-minute rule and shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. No further amendment to the bill, as amended, shall be in order except those printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each further amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such further amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill, as amended, to the House with such further amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Sec. 2. At any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1230) to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain offshore oil and gas lease sales, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The bill shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. No amendment to the bill shall be in order except those printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to

recommit with or without instructions.

Sec. 3. In the engrossment of H.R. 1229, the Clerk shall---

(1) add the text of H.R. 1230, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of H.R. 1229;

(2) conform the title of H.R. 1229 to reflect the addition of H.R. 1230, as passed by the House, to the engrossment;

(3) assign appropriate designations to provisions within the engrossment; and

(4) conform cross-references and provisions for short titles within the engrossment.